

## **REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Daniel N. Hedrington presiding. A Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **CLERK CALLS THE ROLL**

Council members present: Jack Covill, Ralph Anderl, Chuck Hull, Robert Hoekstra, Dennis Doughty, Greg Hoffman. Absent: Greg Dachel.

City staff present: Interim City Administrator Bill Forrest, Police Chief Wayne Nehring, Parks & Recreation Director William Faherty, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer, Fire Chief Tom Larson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**(a) Motion by Hoffman/Doughty, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 4. **Motion carried.**

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS**

**(a)** Senator Pat Kreitlow, 23<sup>rd</sup> District, spoke about a flood control grant as well as a re-development plan, both of which focus on the rebuilding of downtown Chippewa Falls. Mayor Hedrington extended his thanks on behalf of the City for paying attention to the needs of local communities.

**(b)** Fire Chief Tom Larson announced Chippewa Falls has been awarded a grant for the purchase of cardiac monitors and AED units.

**(c)** Randy Dressel, 346 E. Park Avenue, Chippewa Falls, voiced his concerns about stormwater charges. Initially, he was told his taxes would go down the equivalent of the stormwater increase, but stated his taxes have actually increased by that amount.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a)** Mayor Hedrington opened a public hearing at 6:47 PM regarding issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds by the City of Chippewa Falls for the benefit of W.S.Darley & Co. No one spoke for or against and the hearing was closed at 6:48 PM.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **REPORTS**

**(a) Motion by Hoffman/Doughty, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of December 10. **Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Hoffman/Covill** to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of December 10. **Motion carried.**

### **APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Motion by Doughty/Covill, all present voting aye** to approve Operator (Bartender) Licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

**Motion by Doughty/Hoekstra, all present voting aye**, to deny the Operator (Bartender) License of Richard Hall as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

### **PETITIONS**

None

## **MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS**

**(a) Motion by Hoekstra/Doughty, all present voting aye**, to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for 2008/09. **Motion carried.** (List on file in the City Clerk's office)

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hedrington wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said he has gotten many calls on the beautiful lights downtown and at Irvine Park.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Motion by Hoffman/Hull, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of Committee #1, Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater meeting of December 12. **Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Hoekstra/Doughty, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of the Committee #2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel Policy and Administration meeting of December 10. **Motion carried.**

**(c) Motion by Doughty/Hull** to approve the minutes of Committee #2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel Policy and Administration meeting of December 17. The Council discussed this item and an amendment to the original motion was made by Hoekstra/Covill to vote on Items #1 and #2 separately. This amendment was approved after the following roll call vote: Aye – Hoekstra, Covill, Anderl, Hull; Nay – Doughty, Hoffman. The original motion was then voted on and passed with the following roll call vote: Aye – Doughty, Hull, Covill, Anderl, Hoekstra, Hoffman. **Motion by Hoekstra/Covill** to table Item #1 of the December 17<sup>th</sup> Committee #2 minutes. Said motion passed after the following roll call vote: Aye - Hoekstra, Covill, Anderl, Hull; Nay – Doughty, Hoffman. **Motion by Hoekstra/Covill** to table Item #2 of the December 17<sup>th</sup> Committee #2 minutes. Said motion passed after the following roll call vote: Aye - Hoekstra, Covill, Anderl, Hull; Nay – Doughty, Hoffman.

**(d) Motion by Hoekstra/Hull, all present voting aye**, to approve the minutes of the Committee #4, Recycling, Computerization, Buildings and Intergovernmental Services meeting of December 13. **Motion carried.**

**(e)** The Park Board minutes of December 11 were presented.

**(f)** The Library Board minutes of December 12 were presented.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

**(a) Motion by Hoekstra/Doughty** to approve **Ordinance 2007-27 Entitled:** An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**(a) Motion by Hull/Doughty** to approve **Resolution 2007-38 Entitled:** Resolution Authorizing an Annual Adjustment for 2008 for Non-represented and Management Employees. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

**(b) Motion by Hoekstra/Covill** to approve **Resolution 2007-39 Entitled:** Resolution Awarding Administration of the Health Insurance Retirement Plan. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

## **OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

**(a) Motion by Doughty/Covill** to approve funding of \$2500 from Account 10.55210.5225 for update of City Outdoor Recreation Plan. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

## **CLAIMS**

The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to review the claims for payment by the various departments of the city. **Motion by Hoekstra/Covill** to approve the payment of the claims listed below. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

City General Claims and

Authorized/Handwritten Claims: \$748,325.78

Public Utilities Claims: \$ 67,584.95

## **CLOSED SESSION** (7:24 PM)

**Motion by Doughty/Hoekstra** to go into closed session under 19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” to consider: **A. To consider the possible investing of public funds as a business incentive for a real estate purchase by DRHI of Minnesota, LLC.** and to include City Attorney Bob Ferg, City Clerk Lynne Bauer, and Interim City Administrator Bill Forrest; may return to open session. The Council discussed this matter.

**Motion by Hoekstra/Covill, all present voting aye,** to go back into open session. **Motion carried.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Hoffman/Covill, all voting aye** to adjourn at 7:34 PM. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Lynne Bauer  
City Clerk